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I. Military

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At the beginning of June 1957, Sokolowski (fnu), technical chief of the Sea Rescue Service (Kierownik Techniczny Ratownictwa Okretowege), asked [] to assist in a Ministry of Defense project to salvage an unspecified number of German World War II submarines lying in the Baltic Sea near the Polish coast. The submarines were 1,250-ton Type-21s which had been manufactured in 1943-1944 and had been sunk in such a way that they could be easily salvaged and put to use again, i.e., by opening of the "Kingston valves". []

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II. Civilian

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[] in the Szczecin area [] one million zlotys had been allotted for an extension of the Szczecin Shipyards. The new extension was to be called the Vulcan Shipyards (Stocznia Wulkan). [] preparatory work was already underway at Vulcan for the construction of 26,000-ton tankers. []

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[] it was a commonly held belief in Szczecin that the U.S. had a telephone central from which they could and did listen in on any telephone call made in the city. []

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6. Concerning defense preparations, []

[] all wartime shelters had been rebuilt and made ready for use; however, [] no construction of new shelters. [] out of Szczecin in mid-June 1957 [] Polish torpedo boats (kontr-torpedowce) BURZA and WICHER in the harbor.

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[redacted] The sailors
on board the vessels were all in helmets [redacted]
[redacted] the vessels were
engaging in maneuvers of some kind. In Swinoujscie,
[redacted] several Soviet vessels, including
sub-chasers (scigaeze), torpedo-boats, and
tugboats (holowniki).

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